

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MASS, IR

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE SHAH

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO  
SHAH. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH. BEGIN TEXT.

YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:  
IN MY JULY 15 RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL F-16S  
TO MEET IRAN'S DEFENSE NEEDS, I INDICATED MY HOPE TO BE  
ABLE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO YOU WITHIN SEVERAL WEEKS.  
EVENTS IN THE CONGRESS, AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, HAVE RESULTED  
IN A DELAY OF OUR PLANS CONCERNING AWACS. HOWEVER, IN  
LIGHT OF ASSURANCES ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN,  
AND THE U.S. CONGRESS, I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE PROPOSED SALE  
WILL RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW IN SEPTEMBER.  
I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS DIFFICULT  
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MATTER.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT IT IS IN THE SECURITY INTERESTS  
OF THE UNITED STATES TO ASSIST IRAN IN THE ACQUISITION OF  
A RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. LET ME ALSO  
AFFIRM MY EARLIER STATEMENT THAT YOUR INTEREST IN ACQUIRING  
ADDITIONAL F-16S IS VIEWED SYMPATHETICALLY BY THE U.S.

GOVERNMENT. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE DISCUSS THIS MATTER

DURING OUR MEETING IN NOVEMBER. I LOOK FORWARD WITH  
PLEASURE TO YOUR VISIT AND TO OUR DISCUSSIONS OF THE MANY  
IMPORTANT PROBELMS THAT WE SHARE IN COMMON.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

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